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6. The process according to claim 5, wherein said inert solvent is chloroform or a mixture of chloroform and acetic acid.

5 7. The process according to claim 1 further comprising the step of converting the compound of formula (I) to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

10 8. The process according to claim 1 further comprising the step of converting the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof to a different compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof.